

[Sparks, Bertha LaValley]

Mrs. Sparks, Fort Plain, Dies at 78

FORT PLAIN—Mrs. Bertha Sparks, 78, of 16 Abbott Street, died yesterday in the Little Falls Hospital after a short illness.

Mrs. Sparks, a native of Cohoes, had lived in Fort Plain over 50 years. She was formerly employed by Ehle's variety store of Fort Plain and Beech-Nut Life Savers of Canajoharie. She was a member of the Universalist Church of the Messiah.

Survivors include a daughter, Mrs. Herman Martin of Fort Plain; a brother, Eugene LaValley of St. Johnsville RD, and two sisters, Mrs. George Ehle of Palatine Bridge, and Mrs. Stanton Harbster of Daytona Beach, Fla. A granddaughter and several nieces and nephews also survive.

The funeral service will be held at 2 p.m. Friday at the Schwartz Funeral Home, Fort Plain, with the Rev. Raymond Scott, pastor of the Universalist Church of the Messiah, officiating. Burial will be in the Fort Plain cemetery.

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